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NESCO AND SCIATT; ROME FOR FODAG AND SCIATT.

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SUBJECT: IOC EX-X AGENDA; UNEP CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA

REF: STATE 145254.

1. ICC HAS ADEQUATE CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH MED POL DATA,
THOUGH LIMITED PROGRAMMING FACILITY. THE OPINION IN UNEP
GENEVA IS THAT AN ARCHIVING FACILITY IN GENEVA WOULD HAVE
ADVANTAGES NOT ONLY FOR THE MED COUNTRIES, BUT WOULD
SIMPLIFY COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES, AND PARTICU-
LARLY FOR UNEP ITSELF.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA, THE UNEP
OFFICERS STATE THAT THE LARGE MAJORITY OF MED POL DATA
WILL BE FREELY EXCHANGED. THEY POINT OUT THAT CONFIDEN-
TIALITY IS DECIDED BY THE ORIGINATOR OF THE DATA, NOT THE
ARCHIVING FACILITY. UNEP FEELS THAT THIS ASPECT WILL BE
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LIMITED MAINLY TO DATA ON LAND-BASED SOURCES OF POLLU-
TANTS. ONE DEVICE BEING CONSIDERED IS TO LUMP DATA FROM
SEVERAL SOURCES INTO A SUB-MED GROUP; EG, THE ADRIATIC
SEA. THUS THE DATA WILL NOT AT THIS STAGE IDENTIFY THE
PRECISE SOURCE OF SPECIFIC POLLUTANTS BUT WILL REPORT THE
DEGREE OF POLLUTION IN A FAIRLY WELL-DEFINED SEA AREA.

3. USE OF STANDARD FORMATS FOR REPORTING CONCENTRATIONS OF POLLUTANTS BEING STUDIED. WHERE AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD HAS NOT BEEN AGREED, AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO GET ACCEPTANCE OF FORMATS ALREADY IN USE AT WDC-A (NODC).

4. DR. WAYNE FISHER, NOAA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES, BOULDER (FTS 323.6531) HAS SPENT SEVERAL WEEKS AS CONSULTANT TO UNEP IN MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES FOR MED POL DATA. HE IS RETURNING TO BOULDER NEXT WEEK AND IS AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION OF OTHER DETAILS OF UNEP PLANS FOR THE MED POL PROGRAM.

5. STATISTICS AND OTHER INFO ON ICC GENEVA OPERATION BEING SENT BY AIR POUCH TO OES FOR WM. SULLIVAN. VANDEN HEUVEL

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